

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 29 are presently pending. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner finally rejected Claims 1 – 11 and 22 – 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 12 – 21 were allowed. Claims 1, 22, 24, 26 and 28 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 2 – 11, 23, 25, 27 and 29 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections thereof under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The indication of allowed and allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged.

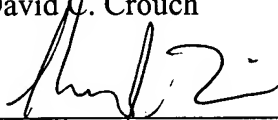
During a telephone interview between Applicant's Attorney (William Benman) and the Examiner, the Examiner proposed the addition of the phrase "of a load located downstream from said second means" after 'surface' in Claim 1 and similar language in Claims 22, 24, 26 and 28. The Examiner suggested that these changes would address the rejections of these Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Accordingly, by this Amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 1, 22, 24, 26, and 28 as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Claims 1 – 11 and 22 – 29 should now be allowable.

A minor change has also been made to the Specification per the request of the Examiner.

Hence, the Application should be in proper form for allowance and issue.
Reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue are therefore respectfully requested.

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